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DIARY NOTES

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1. With General Cabell and others I spent the morning at the Atomic Energy Commission building in Gaithersburg, Maryland, to look at their Emergency Relocation Center. They have what appears to be an excellent center. However, by our standards it is quite luxurious in that they have some 50,000 to 60,000 square feet of basement space which is reserved completely for the ERC. In addition, when they constructed their building they made certain special provisions which would give them better protection against blast and in other ways designed it so that they could have fall-out protection at the same site. In contrast we were forced to design and construct our building without giving any consideration to these factors. While returning from AEC, General Cabell, [REDACTED] and I launched into what was sometimes a heated discussion about our emergency relocation problem. I emphasized that I could not disassociate this problem from our auxiliary building problem at Langley. General Cabell agreed with this after some considerable discussion. I also believe, and he agreed, that we should not disperse such units as [REDACTED] PKC, etc., but, rather, should provide for these units in an auxiliary building at Langley and when this building is constructed we should also provide fall-out protection for all of our people since we are so close in and could not possibly have protection against blast. This does not mean that we can continue to use our [REDACTED] site as an emergency relocation center; therefore, no matter what we do at Langley, it will be necessary to do something more at the [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] advised me that the Director had approved of a paper calling for the release of \$900 thousand from the Reserve for Project [REDACTED]

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